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Senators Stillman and Guglielmo, Representatives Dargan and Perillo, I am submitting written testimony on behalf of the IBEW in support of SB 849 AAC Municipal Enforcement of Occupational Laws.

It is our understanding the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) has only three inspectors to check licenses for trades people in Connecticut. Those three people are responsible for every construction project from houses, schools, and hospitals to power plants. Every city and town has an inspector or inspectors that go to every jobsite in their town. This law would better serve the public, the state, and individual municipalities in terms of collecting fines and making sure individuals are properly licensed. Licensed individuals are imperative to maintaining public safety, and to ensure workers are following proper standards for construction and maintenance of buildings and homes.

In these economic times it would benefit both the state and individual municipalities to have enforcement operations which allow the residents of our state to feel confident the buildings and homes they spend time in are safe.

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